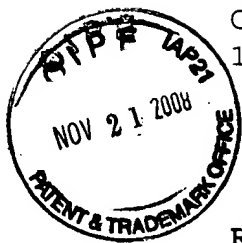



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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed August 21, 2008, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 41-50, 53, 56, and 61-63 in view of prior art references.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview with Applicant which took place on November 13, 2008.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: